

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q93232

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Appln. No.: 10/568,349

Group Art Unit: 1794

Confirmation No.: 2701

Examiner: Dhirajlal S. Nakarani

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For: METHOD OF REFORMING INTERLAYER FILM FOR HEAT-INSULATING
LAMINATED GLASS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action with Restriction and Election of Species Requirements, dated February 6, 2009, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-19 for examination.

Furthermore, at pages 2 - 4 the Examiner further explained the Examiner's view that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, particularly (A) one type of heat insulating fine particle (citing claim 15) and (B) one inert substance (including citing claim 13). Therefore the Examiner has required that, if Group I is elected, Applicant must elect a single species, and identify the claims readable on the elected

species. In the final full paragraph at page 3, the Examiner recognizes that additional species will be entitled to consideration upon the allowance of a generic claim.

In response, with respect to (A) one type of heating insulating fine particle, Applicant elects an indium tin oxide (ITO) (see claim 15), and with respect to (B), one inert substance, Applicant elects an amorphous indium oxide (see claim 13). Claims readable on the elected species are believed to be claims 1 - 5 and 12 - 19.

In response to the Examiner's further election of species requirements at page 4 of the Office Action Applicant elects species as follows:

- (1) ammonium phosphomolybdate (hydrate) of claim 6
- (2) a hydroxy apatite of claim 7
- (3) an organosilane compound of claims 8 and 9
- (4) a compound having an alcoholic hydroxyl group of claim 10
- (5) a quaternary-ammonium-salt compound of claim 11
- (6) an amorphous indium oxide of claims 12 and 13

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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claim
20.

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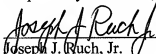
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